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HUNDRED THOUSAND GONE IN SMOKE.

Mr. Airy the Victim of
an Extensive Con-
flagration.

ONE LIFE LOST.

It is thought, and several persons
injured.--The Plucky People
Will Rebuild at Once.

Special to STATE CHRONICLE.

Mr. AIRY, N. C., Jan. 1. The
new year dawned upon our pro-
gressive young city wrapped in
flames. Some heinous incendiary
had touched the torch to the cellar
under J. V. Mitchell's store and
the magnificent Blue Ridge Inn,
with her hundred rooms, the Mount
Airy Hotel and eight other estab-
lishments lie in smouldering ruins
to tell the sad tale. It was two
o'clock this morning, the gay
festivities of a New Year's
entertainment were over and
every one asleep. The flames
arose rapidly from Mitchell's cellar
and spread until the walls of the
Blue Ridge Inn were enveloped.
Guests dashed out in wild confusion
and it was in ashes in two hours, a
total loss. At the same time the
stores of W. F. Bynum & Co., J.
V. Mitchell and M. A. Robbins &
Co., went to the ground. A Mer-
ritt's hardware store followed
and a number of men were
trying to rescue goods when it
fell in. Three escaped after re-
ceiving painful injuries, but it is
thought a fourth is under the ruins.
The Mt. Airy Hotel, Wallis &
Long's clothing store, and J. D.
Smith's establishment went to ashes
in quick succession. The citizens
fought heroically to save the Joyce
block on the opposite side of the
street which they did after it had
been badly damaged. Those dam-
aged were D. A. Rawley, dry
goods; R. A. Totten, furni-
ture; Worth & Joyce, hardware;
J. W. Prather, clothing; J. R. P.
Addison, grocery; R. L. Moore &
Co., jewelry store, and the *Yadkin*
Valley News printing offices. Total
loss over \$100,000, as follows: Blue
Ridge Inn, \$50,000, insurance
\$15,000; Mt. Airy Hotel, \$2,000,
covered by insurance; W. F. Mer-
ritt, \$8,000, insurance \$4,000; M.
A. Robbins & Co., \$4,500, insur-
ance \$2,000; J. V. Mitchell, \$2,
000, fully insured; A. F. Bynum
& Co., \$3,000, insurance \$1,800;
Wallis & Long, \$8,000, about cov-
ered; J. D. Smith, \$15,000, al-
most wholly covered. Others about
\$5,000, covered. This is all a great
loss to our aggressive young city,
but it only makes her progressive
people more determined. Handsome
new buildings are to go up and a
new hotel. Mr. Rufus Roberts,
owner of the Blue Ridge Inn, is
full of pluck and will rebuild.
Brick layers have been wired
for before the fire ceased. Rid-
gely, Majette & Co., new firm from
Western Carolina, to build at once.

Wants to Fight John L.

By United Press.

New York, Jan. 1. Frank P.
Maurin yesterday sent a cablegram
to John Dougherty, his Australian
rival, informing him of Piess' back-
down and asking Dougherty to put
up the necessary \$10,000 to fight
with John L. Sullivan. In an in-
terview Slavov expressed himself
as anxious as ever to get a fight
with Sullivan. He had not decided
what he should do. Should Dough-
erty's answer prove unfavorable, he
would and would find backing else-
where.

GOVERNOR FLOWER

Inaugurated With Appropriate Cer-
emonies as Albany Yesterday.
By United Press.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1. It was
a rather sombre sky that ushered
in the inaugural ceremonies to-day
and the stars and stripes over the
municipal and state buildings gave
notice of the unusual event in a
drooping manner. The ceremonies
took place at the capitol. Right
Rev. Wm. Crosswell Doane, Episcop-
al Bishop of Albany, made the
prayer. Governor Hill then stepped
to the front of the platform, and in
a short speech welcomed Mr. Flower
as his successor. At the conclusion
of Governor Hill's address the Gov-
ernor-elect stepped to the front of the
platform and delivered his inaugural
address. After the applause which greeted
the close of Governor Flower's ad-
dress had subsided, the Secretary of
State, Frank Rice, came forward
and administered the oath of office,
those upon the platform and in the
audience rising. Governor Flower
answered the usual questions as to
his election and his relations to the
constitution firmly and as he an-
swered there was a tumult of ap-
plause. At four o'clock this after-
noon Governor and Mrs. Flower re-
ceived State officers and personal
friends at the executive mansion.
After the ceremonies to-day Ex-
Governor Hill received a few friends
at his new quarters on State street,
and later on with Governor Flower,
visited the Burgess Corps armory
where a reception was held.

A Murderer Captured.

Special to State Chronicle.

MARION, N. C., Jan. 1. Some
weeks ago a negro stole a cow from
Mr. Poteat of this place and drove
her to Old Fort in this county, and
tried to sell her for five dollars. The
parties he tried to sell to thought
there was something wrong as the
negro only asked five dollars for the
cow. They arrested him on suspi-
cion and brought him to Marion
jail. Reading a description of John
Lynch colored, of Polk county, in
the STATE CHRONICLE, no doubt
has caused our citizens to detect
this negro as being the murderer of
Grey Petzey, as he fills the descrip-
tion.

Killed by a Burglar.

By United Press.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Jan. 1. At four
o'clock this morning Lucibra W.
Marsh, a prominent citizen, was
awakened by a burglar in his room.
He grappled with the intruder, who
was about to escape with \$200 and
a gold watch. The burglar jerked
away from him, drew a revolver
and shot Marsh through the head.
Citizens are scouring the country
for the murderer.

Furious Flames.

By the United Press.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., January 1.
Fire broke out in Clarksville at an
early hour this morning. One
whole square was enveloped in
flames and the fire companies broke
down. Nashville sent two engines
to the stricken city. The loss is
\$70,000; insured \$40,000.

Humbert Sees Peace.

By Cable.

ROME, Jan. 1. King Humbert,
in receiving the deputies to-day as
usual on New Year's day, said
that never, within his recollection,
had a year commenced with a bet-
ter certainty of the peace of
Europe remaining undisturbed.

SENATOR SHERMAN

PROBABLY AHEAD.

Though the Foraker Men
Are Enthusiastic and
Claim the Field.

THE FIGHT ON.

Foraker's Friends Want an Early
Caucus, While Sherman's Sup-
porters Want It Put Off.

By United Press.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1. The
presence here to-day of a great
many Federal officers from Wash-
ington and different parts of the
State is a feature of the Senatorial
contest. Among those from Wash-
ington are Assistant Postmaster
Whitfield, Sub-Treasurer Bailey,
Sixth Auditor Coulter and Major
E. G. Rathbone. Besides these
there are a great many Federal
officers from different parts of
the State, all of whom are
here in the interest of Senator
Sherman. The contest has more
than ever taken upon itself the ap-
pearance of an administration and
anti-administration contest, Senator
Sherman having the support of the
administration forces. So many
pieces of evidence are coming to
light indicating that Governor-elect
McKinley is taking a hand in the
Senatorial contest in Senator Sher-
man's interest that the matter is
hardly to be doubted now. It is al-
together probable that McKinley is using
his appointing power in securing a
vote here and there for Senator
Sherman. The headquarters of
both candidates are crowded with
people, but the Foraker headquar-
ters show more noisy enthusiasm.
Everybody that calls at the Gov-
ernor's rooms has a chance to speak
with him and shake hands. At the
Sherman headquarters it is differ-
ent. Senator Sherman is in a
closed room and only those with
whom he has business or wishes to
see are admitted. The general feel-
ing seems to be to-day everywhere
except among those who are iden-
tified with the Foraker movement
that the Sherman strength is de-
veloping and that the contest will
result in his election by a majority
of four or five votes on the first
ballot. It is conceded rather re-
markable that neither side will au-
thorize a list of names of their sup-
porters. Executive Chairman Hahn,
of the Sherman party, claims 54
votes, 7 more than necessary to
nominate. The Foraker men still
claim 53 on the first ballot. The
question of when the caucus shall
be held is now agitated. The For-
aker men are anxious for an early
caucus and it was rumored last night
that an effort would be made to
have the caucus meet to-morrow
but that will hardly be done, al-
though all of the members will be
here then. Beyond a doubt the
anxiety of the Foraker men for an
early caucus indicates that they are
afraid of their forces weakening.

That Irish Blow Up.

By Cable.

DUBLIN, Jan. 1. The excite-
ment caused by the explosion yester-
day at the castle has somewhat
abated, but the air of mystery main-
tained by the police and castle offi-
cers does not tend to dispell the
alarming rumors circulated in con-
nection with the affair. Dynamite,
gun cotton and gunpowder have
each been classed as being beyond
any doubt the explosive used in the
explosion which took place under
the finance office and Fenians,
cranks and the police themselves
have each been credited with having
caused the damage.

NEW YEAR'S

In Washington.--The Celebration at
The White House and at the Vice-
President's.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. An en-
tirely new feature in the official
New Year's reception to-day has
caused no end to talk. When
the programme for the occasion at
the White House was announced a
few days ago, it was followed in the
papers by the statement that the
Vice-President and Mrs. Morton
would an hour after the opening of
the Presidential reception, be at
their palatial home on Rhode
Island Avenue to receive the
same callers who visited the White
House in much the same order as
was observed in the programme ar-
ranged for the event at the Execu-
tive Mansion. Since the Vice-
Presidency has had an incumbent,
it having previously been vacant
for a long term of years, the recep-
tions of Mr. and Mrs. Morton have
been on a smaller scale with those
of the cabinet circle and at about
the same hour so that the change
to-day was all the more noticeable.
But those who had an opportunity
of participating in the hospi-
tality dispensed by the
vice-president and his wife, warmly
welcomed it. The weather
which for the past week or two had
been mostly atrocious, was all that
could be desired. The day broke
clear and bright and the atmosphere
was just bracing enough to be en-
joyable and seasonable. For the
event at the White House the usual
elaborate preparations were made
and carried out, while Vice-Presi-
dent Morton's celebration was one
of the notable events of the season.

Fire in Birmingham.

By the United Press.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 1. Fire
which broke broke out at 1 o'clock
this morning in the Jackson block
on Nineteenth street destroyed
\$150,000 worth of property, three-
fourths covered by insurance. The
principal losses are: J. F. Jackson
and Dr. Joseph R. Smith, owners
of the building, which was a three-
story brick, covering half a block;
Sam Meyer, cigar dealer; P. M.
McGuire, Joe Hercheder, Dan
Bandman, saloon keeper; J. Fillet
& Son, liverymen; Dr. Dorchester,
offices; W. S. Smith, Arthur Chap-
man, Charles Wheelock, architect;
W. B. Snyder & Sons, tailors.
Numerous families who roomed in
the building narrowly escaped
death. The fire started in a Chinese
laundry.

Poland in Mourning.

By Cable.

WARSAW, Jan. 1. This year
throughout Poland is to be regarded
as a year of mourning. The wo-
men of Poland from the highest to
the lowest, from the princess to the
peasant women, will wear nothing
but black during 1892. All the
large dry goods firms in Warsaw,
Winnalemburg and Cracow have sent
back to Vienna and other cities, ac-
cording to previous understanding,
the goods they had in stock and
have received black materials in-
stead. Bonnets, dresses, gloves,
furs and jewelry all are to be black.
Thus will the Poles commemorate
the year of 1792 when they lost
their independence.

Noted Showman Dead.

By United Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1. Mr.
James Cooper, the well-known cir-
cus man who bought the Forepaugh
circus and who was formerly a
partner of P. T. Barnum and Bai-
ley, died this morning at 7 o'clock.
He had been ill for several weeks
from inflammation of bowels.

CURRENT TOPICS

ACROSS THE WATER.

English Book Binders
Compelled to Adopt
the Eight-Hour
System.

A CARDINAL DEAD.

The "Patriarch of Venice" Expires
--An Embezzling M. P.
Brought to Trial.

By Cable.

BROUGHT TO TERMS.

LONDON, January 1. The fol-
lowing circular issued by the book-
binding section of the London
chamber of commerce explains it-
self: "The committee of the book-
binding section of the London cham-
ber of commerce are reluctantly
compelled to bring to your notice
the labor agitation in their trade
which has resulted in the adoption
of an eight-hour day without a
reduction of wages, together with
a considerable advance in
the rate of payment for
over-time. These concessions
have been granted after protracted
negotiations, and as the only possi-
ble settlement of the question, the
alternative being the entire stop-
page of the book trade at a most
critical and important time of the
season. This arrangement, which
will apply to both men and women,
will so increase the cost of produc-
tion that they must ask you to be
prepared for a rise in prices from
and after January 1, 1892." Ap-
pended to the circular is a list of
104 firms which have agreed to
adopt the eight-hour day to-day.

AN ENGLISH SENSATION.

LONDON, Jan. 1. Mr. George
Woody Hastings, member of Par-
liament for East Worcestershire,
who was arrested recently upon the
charge of embezzling large sums of
money from the estate of the late
Major Brown, of which he was the
only surviving trustee, was formally
charged with this offense to-day, at
the Bow street police court. After
the particulars of the embezzlement
had been given by counsel for
prosecution Mr. Hastings was again
remanded.

LONDON'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 1. Strange to say,
London has never had a Public
Health Department until to-day.
An act creating such a department
went into force this morning. Up
to this time, the medical officer had
to cope as best he could with the
work arising out of the housing and
other sanitary acts of the London
county council. But a clamor for
a more efficient administration of
these acts arose and then the Pub-
lic Health Department, with the
medical officer at its head, was
created.

LOWER TELEGRAPH RATES.

NA, Jan. 1. It was formal-
ly announced to-day over the signa-
ture of the Marquis von Racequen-
heim, the minister of commerce, that
the reduced scale of telegraph rates
went into force after midnight
throughout Austria. It is hoped
that this reduction will be of great
benefit to trade and that the loss
arising from the reduction will be
compensated by an increase in the
number of telegrams.

A CARDINAL DEAD.

VENICE, Jan. 1. Cardinal Dome-
nico Agostine, Patriarch of Venice,
died yesterday. He was born in
1825, and was created a Cardinal
on March 27, 1882.

CARRIED BACK.

The Tennessee Convicts Return to
Work Under a Heavy Guard.

By United Press.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 1. The
standing army of Tennessee, com-
posed of 108 men, three months'
supplies, Gatling guns and regula-
tion outfit, left for the mines on a
special train under command of
Brigadier-General Carnes and Ad-
jutant-General Norman. The bat-
talion will be swelled by numbers
until possibly 250 men are enlisted
when they reach the scene of the
recent trouble. Three hundred
convicts were on the train
and will be put to work in the mines
again. The stockades have been
rebuilt and enlarged and the miners
will have serious opposition in
reaching them if hostilities are re-
newed.

Everybody has been staggered
lately by the sensational charges
that Assistant Commissioner of
Labor Alleman, a State official, is
guilty of high treason against the
State, a crime punishable only
by hanging. It is charged that
just before the uprising of the
miners that Alleman went about
among the miners inciting the
movement. Alleman conferred per-
sonally with the leaders of a big
mob and made speeches to them.
Tennessee has become the laughing
stock of her sister States on ac-
count of the weakness of Governor
Buchanan, who is trembling in his
shoes now for fear the State troops
will be attacked again.

He Granted the Divorce.

By the United Press.

HARTFORD, Conn., January 1.
Yesterday, Superior Court Judge
Fenn granted a divorce to the Rev.
G. A. Vieb, a supernumerary Meth-
odist clergyman from New York.
The clergyman testified that his wife
was opposed to bearing children,
and from the date of the wedding,
three years ago, insisted on occupy-
ing a separate room. Judge Fenn
did not care to hear further evidence
and granted Mr. Vieb his petition.

Massachusetts Embezzler.

By United Press.

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 1. A war-
rant has been issued for the arrest
of Chas. B. Marsh, book-keeper at
the State Almshouse at Tewksbury,
for the embezzlement of \$500 from
the officers of the institution. Marsh
and his wife are believed to be in
Chicago.

The Rapid Rope Route.

By United Press.

WINDSOR, Vt., Jan. 1. Stephen
H. Bell was hanged in the State
prison here this afternoon for the
murder of his wife at Fairfax, De-
cember 26, 1889.

Would Side With Uncle Sam.

By the United Press.

PANAMA, Jan. 1. A Lima dis-
patch to the *Star* and *Herald* says
that in event of war with Chili the
United States would surely have
the active support of Peru as well
as Bolivia.

Sufficiently Amased.

Kinston Free Press.

Alex. Whitfield and family and
some other colored people, who left
Falling Creek township two years
ago for Mississippi, have returned.
They were not well pleased with
that country, and say that it is al-
most impossible to get out of debt to
the people who pay their way out
there. They say they will never
leave North Carolina again.